GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1537
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Reservation in PDS Licenses
Suman Shri Balka

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has requested State Governments to follow the reservation policy for the SC/ST or their groups/organizations while granting license for Fair Price Shop under the provisions of Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS); and
(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT Wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) & (b): As per Clause 9 of Targeted Public Distribution(TPDS) [Control] Order, 2015, the designated authority appointed by State Government shall issue the licenses to Fair Price Shop[FPS] owners and State Government shall accord preference to public institutions or public bodies such as panchayats, self help groups, cooperative societies in licensing of FPS and management of FPS by women or their collective.
All States/UTs have been requested to consider issuing FPS licences to citizens/groups belonging to SC/ST community as per the reservation policy of their State so as to enable SC/ST community to utilize this opportunity for their employment.
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